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LA PORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at the La Porte County Complex Meeting Room #3 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

President Rich Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President Mrozinski reminded everyone to please turn off cell phones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Mrozinski asked Dick Reel to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chief Deputy Auditor Kristie Deckard called the roll: Commissioner Gonder - Absent; Commissioner Kora - Present; Commissioner Mrozinski - Present. Quorum present therefore meeting commenced.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the agenda by adding the tabled item from the March 7th meeting of retaining American StructurePoint as design firm for the Michigan City courthouse under OLD BUSINESS. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 7th, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Kora motioned to approve the minutes from the March 7th meeting. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

Chief Deputy Auditor Deckard read the claims with Payroll ending 3-9-2018 - \$1,145,397.13 and Miscellaneous - \$569,324.35. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF "FRIENDS OF THE BARN" GROUP

Lois Sosinski - Recorder - Introduced Phyllis Marks and the "Friends of the Barn" Committee. The Dairy Barn located on the County Home property on Highway 2 was built in 1915 by the La Porte County Commissioners. Attached to these minutes are the report given by Lois Sosinski.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Holifield - 6782 E. 100 S. Mill Creek - Questioned whether the ladies having the bake sale would be doing this on county time. Questioned whether or not it was an emergency to redo the Michigan City Courthouse or is it under a court order. Would it qualify as a controlled project under House Enrolled Act No. 1043? Stated refers to referendum that the public gets to vote on. President Mrozinski referred to Attorney Doug Biege who answered the question.

ORIGINAL

Dennis Metheny - 6757 W. 450 N. Michigan City - Stated he saw load limit signs being removed on county roads then asked why. Commissioner Mrozinski responded state has load limits. Dennis asked are our county roads able to handle the weight. He then inquired into a light being installed at the intersection of 450 N. and highway 35. Also stated speed limit on 450 N. between Highway 35 and Johnson Rd. is 30 mph but wants it to be set at 40 mph.

John Galipeau - Warden - La Porte Juvenile Correctional Facility - Formerly known as Camp Summit. Maximum security for female juveniles. Only one in the state of Indiana. Currently house 50 females. Eighty seven employees. November 6, 2017, moved facility from Madison, Indiana. Not as many juveniles as Camp Summit had but security level is higher. Warden Galipeau offered services for the community whether it would be clean up trash or parks the way Camp Summit was used. President Mrozinski and Commissioner Kora thanked Warden Galipeau for attending the meeting and giving information to the Commissioners and community.

DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS

Joe Golec - VSO - Announced last year in March President Trump signed Senate Bill 305 into law the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017. National Vietnam War Veterans Day, which honors the men and women who served and scarified during the longest conflict in US history, to be held on March 29th this year. Encourages all to fly your flag on this day and always.

Andrew McGuire - EMS - Updated Commissioners on financials in his department. Medicaid reimbursement funds for 2015 were \$94,702.58 and 2016 was \$41,719.75 for a total of \$136,422.33. Highlighted figures from the 2017 year-end report with calls for service were at 15,647, up 561 from 2016. Although collections are down slightly the department has managed to make a profit of \$183,226 above and beyond all operating expenses.

Moved highway department from Old Business

Duane Werner for Bob Young - Highway Dept - Attorney Doug Biege opened sealed material bids for sand, paving and bituminous materials. Area Excavating, Inc, Bit Mat Products, Inc, Asphalt Materials, Inc, Reith Riley Construction and Walsh Kelly. Commissioner Kora motioned to accept the opened bids and give them to Bob Young for review. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried. Commissioner Mrozinski directed Duane to take bids next door for viewing among the vendors.

REQUESTS

Darlene Hale - IT - Requested permission to approach the Council for website with contract - pending funding. Presentation was given with information. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Prosecutor's Office - Requested permission for Commissioners to install security equipment for IV-D office in Michigan City paid with Prosecutor's budget. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

LPCCVB - Union Mills Conservation Club and Westville Tri Kappa requested \$500 each for their events this year. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Andrew McGuire - EMS - Requested approval to approach the Council for funding of Ambulance bid recommendations. Three bids came in with North Central being the lowest and meeting specifications. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

Considered retaining American Structurepoint as design firm for the Michigan City Courthouse. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Considered authorizing County Maintenance department to advertise an RFP for rehab of the basement in the complex building. Commissioner Kora motioned to approve. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

ORIGINAL

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kora stated last week he participated in a panel of local officials at Michigan City High School during National School Walkout to end Gun Violence event in support of the recent shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14. He thanked the students that were in attendance at this Commissioners meeting for attending (students were from La Porte High School, Mrs. Kuta's class). **Commissioner Mrozinski** informed the students of Keeley Higley, a senior at La Porte High School, who was named the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Indiana's first place winner in the 2017 Voice of Democracy Scholarship program.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Kora motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Mrozinski seconded. Motion carried.

EXAMINED AND APPROVED BY THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF LA PORTE, INDIANA

DATE

4-4-2018

ATTEST: _____

Auditor

LA PORTE COUNTY, INDIANA

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